

Mayflower Sewer Contract...

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can't serve you anymore. We have to sell the capacity elsewhere.' "

Mayflower then should have the option of paying the money or losing its option, he said.

Mayflower's representative from the Netherlands, Arie Bogerd, also has insisted there should be a specific description of what Mayflower is buying, but there is no such description.

The chairman of the district board, Midway Mayor Gene Probst, disagreed. "I think the numbers are down and they're specifically spelled out as to what they're going to be for," he said.

During a Nov. meeting with the board, Bogerd was told users and developers don't actually buy a piece of the treatment facility or the district with their "buy in" fees — simply the right to use it. Therefore, the district objects to providing the description Bogerd wants.

Bogerd also insists that Mayflower should not be required to pay any money until it is ready to begin construction and that if a new treatment cell doesn't have to be added to the plant because of Mayflower's impact, the expansion fee should be returned to the company.

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Bob Mathis, county planner, said in his opinion there were enough misunderstandings between the district and Mayflower that the revised document presented by Smay probably would not be signed by the district. However, he said the district is motivated enough to "try to understand the areas of difficulty" and arrive at a compromise.

He said he thought the only way to resolve the differences would be face-to-face, with both lawyers involved. He said he was preparing a written statement to clarify the obstacles, hoping it will help get them resolved.

Heber Councilman Scott Wright, a member of the board, said the board had not seen changes proposed by Smay before they met to discuss the contract at their Nov. meeting. He suggested Mayflower provide copies of its latest proposal before they meet again so they can be prepared to respond or act on changes.

He said, "I don't think our differences are that great," and Probst agreed.

Bogerd pointed out that contract proposals had been passed back and forth for several years, and said negotiations are "stuck". He asked if the district wanted Mayflower or not, considering how long the discussions had been going on. He said he had no faith in another meeting.

He claimed the differences are only a matter of simple mathematics.

But Mathis said, "I don't think your differences with the board are so simple that they relate to paying a fee and hooking up. I think they

plain the stand each is taking, so they "can understand why each is so set. A compromise has to be achieved. You cannot do what you both want."

Bogerd finally agreed that the two sides need to discuss the issues in person, rather than sending their proposals and counter proposals back and forth. But he insisted that the next meeting must be "absolutely constructive."

Smay interjected that if the issues are as clouded and great as Mathis claims, "there may never be a contract between us. We may simply not be able to agree on terms. In that circumstance, then it seems to me the county ought to be able to say to go somewhere else."

Wright said the board had already passed a resolution governing the impact fee to be paid for any community that wants to use the plant.

"We're not going to treat Mayflower any different than if Charleston asks to come on, or Center Creek, or anyone else, he said. He added that present users will benefit if Mayflower goes on the system and that Mayflower will benefit as others join.

"I think it's important that the board looks out for the interests of the sewer district. I don't like paying \$20 a month for my sewer (use). That's one reason why we want them to come on, because it's going to help everybody," he said.

Smay said Mayflower needs to know if there is any chance that the board members will consider Mayflower's demands. If not, he said there would be no point to another meeting and negotiations should just stop.

"I think we could find out rather rapidly whether these things are ever likely to be agreed upon. Having that information at hand, you're either going to know this contract is possible or not possible...what can or can't be done," he said.

Bogerd said he would return from The Netherlands for the district board's next meeting, Jan. 18. Copies of Mayflower's latest proposal are being distributed to the board members immediately.

Smay said he thought the document was clear enough that members can determine whether or not there's any point of further discussion and let him know. He said the board should be prepared to either fine tune and sign a final contract or turn Mayflower's application down at that meeting.

He said Mayflower must decide whether or not to send its sewage to the Heber plant soon because the plan is to lay the pipe along the new alignment of U.S. 40, which is already partly constructed.

Clark Mower, local director of the project, reported he had talked to the Bureau of Reclamation about the pipeline, "but we have not pushed because we're not positive

the "Vermillian Cloak." The students attention and applause gave the singing company great hope and

Happy New Year to everyone. May it bring "Peace on earth and good will toward all men."

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magical house. Thank you students for your hours of practice — it was delicious!

The halls were full of laughter



and good cheer last Friday as the students held their Christmas parties. Some students donated their party money to help the needy. I hope our students always are helpful and kind to their fellowmen.

The earnings from the Book Fair were amazing. Midway received about \$250 in books and about \$1,000 more to purchase needed reference books.

"Proud Experiences," is the theme for the Reflections Contest for the coming year. Pride in your heritage, yourself, your accomplishments and your country.

All students, who participate, are winners. The areas judged are music, art, literature and photography. Then there are five levels of judging: local, council, district, state and then nation. Winning is this also makes a nice addition to a Sterling Scholar portfolio.

The contest will end Feb. 4, 1989. A thank you to Ellen Bonner and Joyce Klein, who have started a monthly newsletter. The students and parents have enjoyed the games,